

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-19 (canceled).

20. (new) A system for packaging a flexible web which is positioned in zigzag-form loops, comprising:

a horizontal bearing panel;

a positioning device arranged above the horizontal bearing panel and including a positioning carriage which is movable back and forth and has two positioning rollers which are arranged beside one another and with axes parallel to one another, the rollers being driven in rotation in a common direction and between which an individual web can be drawn in from an infeed side and can be folded by the positioning carriage being moved back and forth perpendicularly to the drawing-in direction of the web and can be advanced beneath a pressure-exerting bar in a removal direction corresponding to the drawing-in direction, the positioning device being assigned a transfer device for forming a web-loop arrangement of predeterminable magnitude and for transferring the web-loop arrangement directly or indirectly into a packaging container; and

a memory-programmable control device for components of the system.

21. (new) The system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the control device is operative to control the system fully automatically.

22. (new) The system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the control device is operative to adjust a length of the web loops to a different magnitude from web loop to web loop.

23. (new) The system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the control device is operative to adjust a length of the web for each web-loop arrangement so that with multi-arrangement packs the overall length of the web of the pack is distributed uniformly over all the arrangements.

24. (new) The system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the positioning device has, in a positioning region, a pressure-exerting bar which extends over an entire loop length, is advanceable perpendicularly to a bearing panel for the web-loop arrangement, and is pressable against edges of the web loops with adjustable magnitude.

25. (new) The system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the positioning device further includes a controllable drive operatively arranged to raise and lower the pressure-exerting bar.

26. (new) The system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the transfer device has blades which are located downstream of the positioning device, are provided on a displacement bar and are arranged so as to be movable in between two web loops from above and movable apart laterally in order to separate two web loops and to transfer the web-loop arrangement located in front of the blades.

27. (new) The system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the transfer device has pusher members on an infeed side of the web in the positioning device, the pusher members being movable out of a rest position, in which the pusher members do not impede running of the web, into an operating position, in which the pusher members are movable beneath the pressure-exerting bar, parallel to the bearing panel of the web-loop arrangement, up to a point on an opposite side of the pressure-exerting bar where carry-along elements are movable in between or behind the web-loop arrangement from a rest position in order for the web-loop arrangement to be displaced into a receiving device, transversely to the loop arrangement, by the carry-along elements.

28. (new) The system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the pusher members have fingers.

29. (new) The system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the pusher members are arranged so as to be lowerable vertically into the operating position from a raised rest position above the bearing panel.

30. (new) The system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the carry-along elements have fingers and are movable in between the pusher members in a vertically downward direction from a top rest position.

31. (new) The system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the bearing panel has braking strips arranged along the displacement path of the folds of the web loops, from the positioning device into the receiving device.

32. (new) The system as claimed in claim 24, and further comprising guide bars arranged above the bearing panel so as to guide the web-loop arrangement and be oriented transversely to the loop arrangement.

33. (new) The system as claimed in claim 27, and further comprising at least one resiliently yielding stop member arranged in the receiving device in a region between the folds, in order for web parts which curve forward in a receiving direction to be oriented parallel to the loop arrangement.

34. (new) The system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the receiving device is a stacking device for the web-loop arrangements.

35. (new) The system as claimed in claim 34, wherein the stacking device has a rear wall that serves as a stop for the web-loop arrangements which are to be received, a base which

can be lowered by a thickness of the web-loop arrangements, and a cover which can be adjusted in relation to the base and serves at least as a top guide for a web-loop arrangement which is to be transferred.

36. (new) The system as claimed in claim 35, wherein the cover is displaceable parallel to the base as a top boundary of the stack.

37. (new) The system as claimed in claim 27, and further comprising an accommodating base in the receiving device, the accommodating base being retractable in a base plane.

38. (new) The system as claimed in claim 37, wherein the accommodating base includes two base halves that are retractable laterally in opposite directions.

39. (new) The system as claimed in claim 34, and further comprising an ejecting ram, the stacking device being lowerable into a packing station in which the web-loop stack is ejectable out of the stacking device by means of the ejecting ram into an associated packaging container.

40. (new) A packaging container for a system having a flexible web which is positioned in zigzag-form loops, having a positioning device for forming an arrangement from a web positioned in zigzag form, a transfer device for transferring the web-loop arrangement directly or indirectly into a packaging container, and a memory-programmable control device for components of the system, the packaging container comprising a base with three side walls integrally formed on the base, a fourth side, which serves for introduction of a group of web loops, having a side-wall part that is downwardly swingable and a cover articulated on the side wall opposite the fourth side the cover having a border part which at least largely covers the fourth side.